

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("____") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~first~~ communication device comprising:

means for ~~receiving an~~ receiving, at a first instant messaging (IM) client, an IM message from a sender directed to a first IM address;

means for ~~prompting~~ prompting, at the first IM client, the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second ~~communications device;~~ IM client;

means for ~~conveying~~ conveying, by the first IM client, the IM message to the second IM address on the second communication device; and

means for ~~indicating~~ indicating, by the first IM client, to the second ~~communication device~~ IM client that the message originated from the sender.

2. (Currently Amended) A ~~first~~ communication device comprising:

a memory component configured to store:

receive logic configured to receive, from a ~~sender,~~ sender at an first IM client, an instant messaging (IM) message directed to a first IM address;

prompt logic configured to prompt the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second ~~communications device;~~ IM client;

convey logic configured to ~~convey~~ convey, from the first IM client, the IM message to the second IM address on the second ~~communication device;~~ IM client; and

indicate logic configured to indicate to the second communication device that the message originated from the sender.

3. (Original) The device of claim 2, wherein the convey logic is further configured to automatically convey the IM message to the second communication device.

4. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:
receiving an instant messaging (IM) message at a first ~~communication device;~~ IM client,
the IM message being intended for a recipient at a first IM address;
prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address ~~on a second~~
~~communications device;~~ at a second IM client;
~~conveying~~ conveying, by the first IM client, the IM message to the second IM address on
the second communication device; and
~~indicating~~ indicating, by the first IM client, to the second ~~communication device~~ IM client
that the message originated from the sender.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
determining presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device
prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

6. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:
~~receiving an~~ receiving, at a first instant messaging (IM) ~~client, an IM~~ message intended
for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM
address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;
determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses;
prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second
~~communications device;~~ IM client;
~~conveying~~ conveying, by the first IM client, the received IM message to the IM addresses
at which the recipient is present; and

~~indicating~~ indicating, by the first IM client, to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

7. (Currently Amended) A communication method comprising:

~~receiving an~~ receiving, at a first instant messaging (IM) ~~client, an~~ IM message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;

determining a last active time for each of the IM addresses;

prompting the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second ~~communications device;~~ IM client;

~~conveying~~ conveying, by the first IM client, the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time; and

~~indicating~~ indicating, by the first IM client, to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active time; and

wherein determining the last active time comprises determining the last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein conveying the received IM message comprises:

conveying the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
determining a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses,
wherein conveying the received IM message comprises conveying the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium that includes a program that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform at least the following:

~~receive an~~ receive, at a first instant messaging (IM) ~~client, an IM~~ message ~~at a first communication device,~~ the IM message being sent by a sender and intended for a recipient at a first IM address;

~~prompt~~ prompt, by the first IM client, the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second ~~communications device;~~ IM client;

~~convey~~ convey, by the first IM client, the IM message to the second communication device at the second IM address; and

~~indicate~~ indicate, by the first IM client, to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 11, the program further configured to additionally cause the computer to perform at least the following:

determine presence of the intended recipient at the second communication device prior to conveying the IM message to the second communication device.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium that includes a program that, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform at least the following:

~~receive an~~ receive, at a first instant messaging (IM) ~~client, an IM~~ message intended for a recipient, the recipient having IM addresses, the IM message including a designated IM address of the IM addresses for delivering the IM message;

~~determine~~ determine, at the first IM client, a last active time for each of the IM addresses;
~~prompt~~ prompt, at the first IM client, the sender to convey the IM message to a second IM address on a second ~~communications device;~~ IM client;

~~convey~~ convey, at the first IM client, the received IM message to the IM address having a most recent last active time; and

~~indicate~~ indicate, at the first IM client, to a second recipient that the message originated from the sender.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, the program further configured to additionally cause the computer to perform at least the following:

determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses prior to determining the last active time; and

~~computer-readable code adapted to instruct a programmable device to determine the~~
last active time for each of the IM addresses at which the recipient is present.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 14, the program further configured to additionally cause the computer to perform at least the following:

convey the IM message to a most recent IM address at which the recipient is present, the most recent IM address being the IM address having the most recent last active time.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, the program further configured to additionally cause the computer to perform at least the following:

determine a presence of the recipient at each of the IM addresses; and

convey the received IM message to the IM address at which the recipient is present.

17. (New) The communication device of claim 1, wherein the first IM address is associated with a different user than the second IM address.